

STUDY GUIDE FOR THE FIELD TEST-OUT

Field Test-Out Exam: – You must attend and pass the WCTEP Field Test-Out Exam to complete your trapper education certification and receive your trapping license. To locate and sign up for the Trapper Education Field Test-Out in your area, go to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at <https://gowild.wi.gov/customers/safetyedclass>. Field test-outs might not be available during the trapping season.

Students have two to three hours to complete the test-out exam. After completing a section, student shall have the section graded and initialed by that section's instructor(s), then advance to the next section.

What to study? Here is a list of the categories you should review prior to the test-out exam. It is very important for you to review prior to testing. A score of 85% is required to pass the field test-out.

The test is divided into five major parts:

1. Trap Identification – A variety of different kinds of traps will be set out on a table. Your job will be to identify the name of the trap, what type of trap it is, what the targeted furbearer(s) are with this trap, and explain what sets can the trap be used in (submersion/dryland/both).
2. Furbearer Identification – A variety of furbearer pelts will be set on the table and your job will be to identify them by common species name (ie skunk, beaver, etc).
3. Trap Parts – One bodygrip trap, one foothold trap, and one cable restraint will be set out on a table. Your job will be to identify the parts numbered on each trap.
4. Trapping Ethics – This is a written portion of the field test-out. You will answer 13 questions that will require you to think about the ethics of the situation.
5. Trap Setting – You will be creating three sets obeying current Wisconsin trapping regulations. You may use a copy of the regulations while you construct the set. Each set will be graded on the correct use of the trap, legality of the set, anchoring and stabilization of the trap and other trap handling criteria.

**The expectation is that you will be able to physically set and handle traps of the size and strength needed to complete the field test out portion of the certification process. If you don't have experience in handling traps it is important that you find ways to access traps so you can practice setting and handling traps. If you have questions regarding these expectations please contact the field test out contact person.*

*A minimum score of 85% is required for you to successfully graduate from either the Correspondence Course or the Online Course. Good luck!